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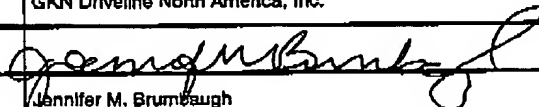
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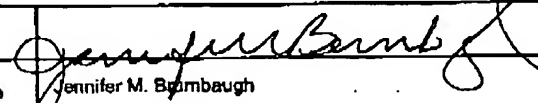
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Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claim that begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended replacement drawing figures is attached following page 18 of this paper.